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SUBJECT: LATEST ISSUE OF AL AHALI BANNED

1. LATEST ISSUE OF LEFTIST WEEKLY AL AHALI DID NOT APPEAR AUGUST 2 BECAUSE OF GOE CONFISCATION. PRESS AUGUST 3 REPORTED CAIRO COURT UPHELD GOVERNMENT CONFISCATION DECISION. COURT FOUND ISSUE INCLUDED NUMBER OF "FALSE AND VIOLENT STATEMENTS."

2. ACCORDING PRESS, COURT PARTICULARLY OBJECTED TO AL AHALI DEFENSE OF CUBA AND OF THE SOVIET UNION, CHARGING THAT THESE ARTICLES WERE AN INSULT TO ARAB AND ISLAMIC FEELINGS AND DISRUPTIVE OF PUBLIC ORDER. ANOTHER ARTICLE ALLEGEDLY GAVE RISE TO "CLASS HATRED" AND STILL ANOTHER ARTICLE CAST DOUBT ON SADAT'S INITIATIVE.

3. COMMENT: AL AHALI'S "DEFENSE" OF CUBA ACTUALLY SEEMS LESS EXTREME THAN DEPICTED BY MAIN-LINE PRESS AND WAS PART OF LARGER REPORT ON NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. AL AHALI DESCRIBED CUBA'S DEFENSE OF ITS INTERVENTION IN AFRICA AS ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES WHO FACE "NEW COLONIALISM." MOST PUNGENT PART OF ARTICLE WAS ITS REPORT THAT CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER REPLIED TO EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL TO

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CHANGE VENUEOFNAM SUMMIT BY SAYING IT WAS STRANGE THAT THOSE WHO WENT TO ISRAEL DID NOT WANT TO GO TO HAVANA.

4. STILL ANOTHER ARTICLE IN BANNED ISSUE OF AL AHALI CRITICIZED MISR PARTY AND FORMATION OF NEW PARTY. (MAIN-STREAM PRESS DO NOT MENTION THIS ARTICLE.) WE HAVE BEEN TOLD IT WAS THIS ARTICLE THAT WAS PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF AL

AHALI BEING BANNED AND THIS SEEMS PLAUSIBLE. AL AHALI COMMENTARY LIKENED CREATION OF MISR PARTY TO CREATION OF TEST TUBE BABY. PARTY CREATED AS AN ATTEMPTED CURE FOR "POLITICAL STERILITY." AL AHALI IRONICALLY NOTED MISR PARTY SPRANG TO LIFE FULL GROWN WITH MAJORITY OF SEATS IN PARLIAMENT. PARTY MIXED TOGETHER "BUREAUCRATIC AND PARASITIC" ELEMENTS, SOME OF WHOM IDENTIFIED IN ALL BUT NAME, AND WAS INJECTED INTO "TIRED OVERWORKED" SOCIETY.
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